

DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment and response filed by applicants dated July 20, 2009 have been entered and considered carefully.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-15 have been canceled. Claims 4, 16 and newly added 17 are pending. Claims 9-10 stayed withdrawn per 37 CFR 1.142(b).

2. ***Examiner's Amendment***

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph C. Suhadolnik on Nov. 16, 2009.

Claims 9-10, being drawn to the nonelected invention, are canceled.

3. ***Reason for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicants have limited the scope of the claims to W,X and Y are terphenyl thus, obviated the anticipatory compound. Applicants argued that the currently amended compounds are unobvious over Kurfuerst et al. or Svobodava et al. because the Ikai et al. '608 reference did not provide motivation to modify the known compounds having single or two terphenyls to tri-substitution of terphenyl because the tri-fluoroterphenyl compound disclosed by Ikai et al. does not have the same utility as the Kurfuerst or Svobodava reference. Both Kurfuerst and Svobodava disclosed luminescent compounds while Ikai's compound (p.22) is for "blocking a hole" in the electron transporting layer (see p.21 lines 31-34). Therefore, the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) is dropped.

Compounds of claims 4, 16, 17 are, neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the art of record, allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang, Ph. D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet L. Andres, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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